

MINUTES

October 4, 2005

The State Board of Registration for Professional Engineers and Land Surveyors met on October 4, 2005 in Conference Room 102 at the office of the Professional Licensing Boards, 237 Coliseum Drive, Macon, Georgia 31217.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

E. Charles Vickery, PE - Chairman
Richard K. Little, PE
Guy F. Ritter, PE
William W. Dean, PE
Doris I. Willmer, PE
Theodore W. Waddle, LS, PE

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:

Mark E. Chastain, LS
Gloria B. Ransom, Ph.D., Public Member
John H. Sweitzer, PE

STAFF PRESENT:

J. Darren Mickler – Board Executive Director
Julie Busbee – Board Secretary
Vivian Stephens – Board Application Specialist
Sharon Harrison – Compliance Secretary

ATTORNEY GENERAL REPRESENTATIVE:

Patricia Downing, Senior Assistant Attorney General

GUESTS PRESENT:

Hardwick Butler, Professor at Middle Georgia College, representing Surveying and Mapping Society of Georgia
Roger Purcell, Professor at Middle Georgia College, representing Surveying and Mapping Society of Georgia

Call to order:

Chairman Vickery called the meeting to order at 9:35 am and asked for any additions or deletions to the proposed agenda. Ms. Willmer moved to adopt the agenda as presented. Mr. Ritter seconded. Motion carried.

Approval of Minutes:

Chairman Vickery asked for any additions or deletions to the minutes of the September 13, 2005 Board Meeting. Mr. Little moved to adopt the minutes as written. Ms. Willmer seconded. Motion carried.

Professional Societies and Guests

Chairman Vickery recognized the guests present, Mr. Hardwick Butler and Mr. Roger Purcell, both representing the Surveying and Mapping Society of Georgia. They had no report or comments.

Executive Director's Report

Mr. Mickler reported that he had received a request from an EIT applicant who wanted to receive educational credit for a foreign degree without having an evaluation performed by ECEI. Mr. Ritter moved to deny his request and require the ECEI evaluation according to Board Policy 03-04. Mr. Dean seconded. Motion carried.

Mr. Mickler announced that applicants may now view the status of their applications online through the Professional Licensing Boards' website. If an applicant provides an e-mail address on his/her application, he/she will also be notified of licensure immediately after that occurs.

Ms. Busbee reported that she is beginning to use the division computer system for scheduling exam candidates and reporting grades. If all goes well, the staff will eventually phase out the use of the current Access system for exam scheduling. She is working with the exam section to upload grades since 1999 to provide a history of exam information in the division system. This will make it easier to track the number of times a person has sat for the exam and also provide which discipline of the professional engineer's exam he/she took.

Old Business:

PE Exam Application:

Ms. Willmer led discussion regarding the latest draft of the PE exam application. She will make a few more changes following Board comments, then forward the final draft to staff for review.

2006 Southern Zone Meeting:

Mr. Mickler stated that he had e-mailed a draft of the budget proposal with a bottom-line figure of \$55,000 for the upcoming 2006 NCEES Southern Zone Meeting to be held in Savannah. He said that the only items not finalized are the non-golf outings for delegates and guests. Chairman Vickery suggested that a planning committee meeting should be held

within the next month outside of the regular Board meeting to finalize the agenda for the Zone Meeting.

Task Force Assignments:

Ms. Willmer requested a report on complaint tracking. Mr. Mickler reported that there are currently 129 open cases – 5 opened in 1998, 2 opened in 1999, 2 opened in 2000, 13 opened in 2001, 14 opened in 2002, 22 opened in 2003, 39 opened in 2004 and 32 opened in 2005. Mr. Vickery requested that the 9 cases from 1998, 1999 and 2000 be assigned to various Board members to complete and close.

Coalition Report:

Ms. Willmer reported that she met on Wednesday, September 14, 2005 with Ben Harbin, Chairman of the House Appropriations Committee to discuss Board needs and goals. The meeting with Laura Meadows, Assistant Secretary of State was cancelled due to gas shortage and will be rescheduled soon. She also reported that she had the opportunity to meet Bill Stephens, candidate for Secretary of State and had discussed with him Board needs and goals.

Veterans' Preference Points:

Craig Fluck, Exam Analyst from the Exam Section joined the meeting during this item to discuss how other professions' exams are scored and veterans' preference points are added.

Ms. Busbee reported that she had received a report that indicated that an average of 20 persons a year is licensed because of added veterans' preference points.

Mr. Dean moved to adopt Board Policy 05-02, as follows:

Based on the primal charge to safeguard life, health, and property and to promote the public welfare (O.C.G.A. 43-15-1), the Professional Engineer, Fundamentals of Engineering, Professional Land Surveyor and the Fundamentals of Land Surveying examinations offered by the Georgia State Board of Registration for Professional Engineers and Land Surveyors shall be considered passing if a candidate scores a minimum of 700 points. The test shall be based on a total of 1000 points. Scores shall only be reported to candidates in the form of pass/fail.

Mr. Ritter seconded. Motion carried.

ELSES Taking EIT Applications:

This item is deferred to the next meeting

Surveyors Education Standards:

This item is deferred to the next meeting.

New Business:

No new business.

Executive Session:

At 11:30 am, Mr. Dean moved for the Board to enter into Executive Session to deliberate on applications and enforcement matters and to receive information on complaints and investigative reports. Mr. Ritter seconded. Motion carried.

The following Board members were present during Executive Session – Chairman Vickery, Mr. Waddle, Mr. Little, Mr. Ritter, Ms. Willmer and Mr. Dean.

Reconvened Open Session at 1:50 pm with the following Board members present - **Chairman Vickery, Mr. Waddle, Mr. Little, Mr. Ritter, Ms. Willmer and Mr. Dean.**

Investigations and Complaints:

PELS060021 – This case involved a Professional Engineer who practiced while his license was expired. Mr. Ritter moved to issue a Consent Order with Public Reprimand and \$500 penalty. Mr. Little seconded. Motion carried.

PELS040011 & PELS050122 – These related cases involved a professional engineering firm that practiced without a qualifying engineer on staff. Mr. Ritter moved to issue a Consent Order with Public Reprimand, \$500 penalty and one year probation. Mr. Waddle seconded. Motion carried.

PELS040013 – This case involved allegations of assisting unlicensed practice of professional engineering, discovered in an application for Professional Engineer by Exam. Mr. Little moved to close with no action against the Professional Engineer involved, but to note in the application that the applicant had embellished in the description of experience. Mr. Ritter seconded. Motion carried.

PELS060002 – This case involved one Professional Engineer who qualified two professional engineering firms. Mr. Ritter moved to issue a Consent Order with Public Reprimand for advertising. Mr. Dean seconded. Motion carried.

Reinstatements:

Mr. Ritter moved to reinstate the Professional Engineer license of the following:

Julian Baker Bell, PE009932

Andrew L. Wells, PE021468
William M. Mitzo, PE021517

Mr. Waddle seconded. Motion carried.

Ms. Willmer moved to reinstate the Professional Engineer license of Harry Farrar, PE018898. Mr. Little seconded. Motion carried.

Mr. Ritter moved to deny reinstatement of the Professional Engineer license of Ronald Lieblein, PE018290. Mr. Little seconded. Motion carried.

Board Memo Comity Model Law Applicants:

Applicants for registration as Professional Engineers by comity, who have an ABET engineering degree, who have taken and passed an 8-hour fundamentals of engineering (EIT/FE) exam, who have a minimum of 48 months post graduation engineering experience as determined by a staff evaluation using the present Board guidelines, who have taken and passed an 8-hour principles and practice of engineering exam (PE Exam-taken at least 4 years after BS degree), and who comply in every way with the provisions of the appropriate law are as follows:

30551 Godfrey, Joseph M.	30552 Williams, Joshua K.	30561 Miner, Gary B.
30562 Birch, Randall K.	30563 Smith, Robert A.	30564 Caldwell, Mark A.
30565 Chandler, Brian M.	30566 Chesmore, Russell A.	30567 Coe, Stephen E.
30568 Dial, William E. III	30569 Gollins, Michael J.	30570 Kane, David W.
30571 Read, Andrew A.	30572 Redwanly, Gary S.	30573 Smith, Stacey A.
30574 Stevenson, Robert J.	30575 Wall, Chad A.	30576 Woodroof, Brett W.
30577 Magahey, Ronald E.	30578 Schofield, Philip R.	30579 Schuler, Reece M.
30580 Bolinger, Matthew S.	30581 Bracken, William C.	30582 Broad, Tad C.
30583 Bullard, John H.	30584 Carter, Martin E.	30585 Chwalek, Corinda R.
30586 Deaton, William K.	30587 Lamb, Cory R.	30588 Lemke, Paul
30589 Otto, Matthew	30590 Quattrochi, John A.	30591 Ronan, Rory S.
30592 Swanson, Thomas R.	30593 Wall, Gary S.	30594 Marshall, Richard D.
30595 Beasley, Dwight E.	30596 Tintera, Robert H.	30597 Cinalli, Nicola
30598 Draper, Terry M.	30599 Eglian, Daniel H.	30600 Gaskey, Kevin S.
30601 Gray, Michael J.	30602 Art, James H.	30603 Halstead, J Preston
30604 Jett, Michael E.	30605 Johnson, David A.	30606 Kussro, William B.
30607 Lieber, Joseph H.	30608 Martin, Christopher J.	30609 Myers, Franklin L.
30610 Pelliccione, Joseph F.	30611 Pelton, Matthew T.	30612 Polard, George A.
30613 Roberson, Cameron E.	30614 Shealy, Christa J.	30615 Sollie, Terry G.
30616 Stewart, David A.	30617 Stickley, Michael C.	30618 White, William B.
30619 Wilson, Frank H. III	30620 Connelly, Patrick J.	30621 Driskill, Jonathan W.
30622 Fowler, Brentley D.	30623 Schoenauer, Peter S.	30624 Dodd, Shannon M.
30625 Redmond, Mark E.	30626 Schutz, Sharon M.	30627 Orsatti, Robert P.

Motion was made by Mr. Dean to approve these applicants for PE registration by comity @ 43-15-16(a), via 43-15-8(1) and 43-15-9(1). The motion was seconded by Mr. Little. The motion carried.

There being no further business, at 2:15 pm, Mr. Dean moved to adjourn. Mr. Little seconded. Motion carried. Some Board members remained to review applications until they were finished.

Board Chairman

Division Director

These minutes were approved at the November 15, 2005 meeting.

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